

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 254
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Jessica Owens, 2001
Valedictorian of Oakland High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Owens is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Oakland High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Jessica has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of elite students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owens has displayed tremendous athletic ability as a talented cheerleader and has served for two years as Captain of her school's Varsity Cheerleading Squad; and

WHEREAS, For her skill and efforts she was recognized by the U.S. Achievement Academy as a High School Cheerleading National Award winner; and

WHEREAS, A bright and enthusiastic young woman, Jessica Owens was voted most Patriotic Girl in her Senior Class and was chosen as a Senior Attendant for the 2000-2001 Football Homecoming Court; and

WHEREAS, Jessica's display of intellectual aptitude, charismatic spirit, and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owens, a faithful Christian, finds her strength through Christ's example and love; and

WHEREAS, Her noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Pete and Earline Owens, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Owens's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Oakland High School Valedictorian, Jessica Owens, on her impressive academic and athletic achievements, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.